

WEEKLY LETTER
COTTON RAISERS

The following weekly cotton market letter has been issued to the members of the Arizona American-Egyptian Cotton Growers Association:

Cotton Market Letter
The long expected reverse in the local cotton market has occurred both in the ginned cotton and cotton seed. Prices of cotton today are quoted at 33 cents. Cotton seed \$72 per ton.

In view of the general acknowledged shortage of extra staple cotton, this reverse is not warranted. The pressing needs of the mills have been met and they are enabled to withhold from the market for possibly several weeks and through this temporary lack of demand they naturally expect to resume purchases at much lower levels.

It is generally a fact that when a severe break occurs in the cotton market the growers all rush immediately to sell their cotton. The result of this policy was fully demonstrated last year when the reaction came at the 59-cent level, and because of persistent selling the market continued to decline throughout the whole harvesting season, until the low point of 33 cents was reached. During this period the prices of the yarns into which this cotton was manufactured made small advances from time to time.

This selling policy adopted by the growers made a loss to the cotton of the Salt River valley of more than \$2,000,000. The growers who held their cotton until after all distressed cotton was off the market, saw prices restored, until late in the season much of the 1918 crop which was consigned, sold at above 70 cents.

The fundamental condition of the market seems excellent; we are repeatedly informed through our association connections that practically all the lower grades of the Egyptian cotton, as well as other extra staple cotton of the medium and lower grades,

TWO PRETTY FOXES



LOIS FOX
NEW YORK—Miss Lois Fox of Austin, Tex., is the last of the war camp entertainers to leave France. She made such a hit with Colonel and Mrs. E. M. House that she was invited to visit them on her return. She plays the ukelele and sings. The fur she is carrying is a live one.

have been disposed of in the recent enormous sales in the east.

We now have only to consider the high grade Saks and approximately 25,000 bales of Sea Island cotton as competing with us in the world market. We are also informed that the Sak crop will probably be 30 per cent under the earlier estimates.

From the information that our association has at hand from many different sources, we feel warranted in expecting a very active competition for our cotton as the season progresses and that this competition will increase and become strongest at the latter end of the season.

The local buyers are evidently expecting the growers to become panic-stricken and slaughter their cotton. Are you going to be a party to this transaction? If not, sell your cotton only when you can get a fair price for it.

At the present time we can dispose of several carloads of cotton seed at above \$73 per ton. If you are in a position to deliver free seed, call at the association office.

The association has been very active for the past several weeks in perfecting plans to build a bonded warehouse and compress. A receipt on cotton procured from this warehouse will afford gilt-edge security for loans at any national bank at the lowest rate of interest. Cotton in this warehouse will be carried at the very lowest rate of insurance obtainable, and will remain in perfect condition for an indefinite period.

The association has already procured special assembling privileges from the railroads, and all that now remains to care for your cotton at the lowest possible cost and to make the Salt River valley the cotton marketing center of all the valleys of the southwest, is that we have sufficient stock subscriptions to put this over. Two cents per pound on this year's crop of cotton would supply ample funds. Besides the great benefit of increasing the price of your cotton and the lowering of the cost of handling same, you will have the gilt-edge permanent investment. We feel so sure that these advantages are all so perfectly clear to you that it will not even be necessary to have a representative of the association call on you for subscription. We feel that this should be subscribed by not later than January first, and hope you will call at the office immediately and make your subscription.

If the market remains inactive for any considerable time, it may be that we can get considerable benefit from the warehouse in the handling of this year's crop under certain special privileges granted the association from

STORM CENTER



FAY LUBIN

CHICAGO—Miss Fay Lubin is the storm center in the case against the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Assistant State's Attorney Michaels believes she will be the star witness in his effort to prove extortion by means of strikes. After the girl had been discharged from her position as telephone operator at union headquarters she gave Michaels information that started the fight. Union officials say she was discharged because she accepted gifts from garment manufacturers.

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the warehousing department in Washington. Very respectfully submitted, Arizona American-Egyptian Cotton Growers' Association.

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Assistant Secretary.

THANKSGIVING WAS SUGARLESS AT YUMA

Yuma sat down to an unsweetened Thanksgiving dinner yesterday, according to W. H. Pinnell, traveling representative for the F. G. O'Neill Co. of St. Louis. Pinnell, who was in Yuma the first of the week, said yesterday:

"The restaurants there were offering syrup in lieu of sugar for coffee, and pie has completely disappeared from the menus. One restaurant was fortunate enough to have a shipment of cake from the Imperial valley, and the waitresses were recommending it very highly as a substitute for pie. Even the cake seemed to be baked on the 24 per cent formula, as one had to stretch the imagination to detect its sweetening."

Pinnell has just completed a trip through Utah, Colorado and Nebraska where, he says, bumper crops of sugar beets are being hauled to the sugar factories.

"When one sees those sugar factories working overtime turning out the granulated product, there immediately arises the question of the why and wherefore of the reported sugar shortage. Nebraska has one of the biggest crops of sugar beets in its history and

both Utah and Nebraska have harvested big crops."

Although Pinnell did not constitute himself as an authority on sugar and sugar beet crops, he has familiarized himself with conditions in that territory after many years of travel over it.

U-BOATS CUT CABLES IN 1918

Two German submarines cut the cable between this country and England just outside New York harbor in 1918, but the break was spliced within twelve hours.

This fact was made known by Col. J. J. Carty, vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company in an address to the Electrical League.

A cable from New York to South America was cut at the same time and was repaired as quickly.

POLICE OFFICERS EAT TURKEY AS THE GUESTS OF BROTHER

Members of the Phoenix police department were guests of Police Officer John D. Blea at a turkey dinner at his restaurant, the Hidalgo, 417 East Washington street, from noon until 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The turkey used for the feast was he

gift of Bill Cook, former sheriff of Maricopa county. The turkey was given to the department and through arrangements by Chief Brisbois, the Thanksgiving feast was made possible. Unlike most dinners, there was no set time, the officers coming in at any time that suited their hours and pleasure. The dinner consisted of roast turkey, vegetables, fruit, dessert and coffee, all in abundance.

Aside from the officers, there were a few others invited. Those from the department included John Duncan, Bush Anderson, Nick Papo, E. L. Bresler, J. W. McCormick, J. C. Lettler, J. S. King, Harry O. Gaskin, W. P. Bradley, W. H. Williams, O. McCloud, R. A. Graham, J. L. Strathy, D. L. Lucey, C. D. Tindell, E. A. Edwards, Charles Cutler, W. L. Riardon, Lee Sutherland, Capt. McDonald, E. E. Ellis, J. J. McGrath and George O. Bris-

bois. Regrets were expressed that Officer E. G. Crowe could not be present, because of illness.

HAIRCUT AND SHAVE, 4 CENTS

(From the Bulletin of Japanese Society, New York.)

The commodious white brick building on the seashore in North Yokohama looks very much like a big government or business office. But it is not. It is Japan's largest bathhouse, and was opened September 15. There one can get a bath for 1/2 cent, a haircut for 1 1/2 cents and two shaves for 5 cents. At the opening the directors also announced that tea would be served free and that all the latest newspapers and magazines might be perused in the reading room without charge.



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Rain Ruins Roads

It is next to impossible to get out of Phoenix without encountering roads bad enough to break the average human's heart. The surrounding territory is a sea of mud and bids fair to be so for several days unless the rain stops immediately and the sun comes out warm.

As far as can be learned the Gila is fairly passable at Sacaton, but those who have come that way by auto have all insisted, that it is only a question of a few hours before the constant downpour brings it up to an impassable stage.

One auto party limped into Phoenix yesterday morning from the coast. They came by the Ehrenburg-Blythe road, and stated they had had a world of trouble with the deep and clinging mud encountered. The rivers were forded in fair shape, but they were of the opinion that a few more hours of rain would make them too deep to be passable.

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